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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE DELIVERED ON IRAN ISSUE AT IAEA BOARD OF  
GOVERNORS MEETING

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Classified By: CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. THOMAS COUNTRYMAN. REASONS 1.4 (B) AND (D).

1. (C) On September 7, Charge delivered reftel points on Iran issue at upcoming IAEA board of governors meeting to Greek MFA Secretary General Aristides Agathokles. NOTE: Agathokles told Charge a few days ago that FM Bakoyannis said she would be all-consumed by the campaign for the September 16 elections and that Agathokles was to consider himself the acting FM until after the elections. END NOTE.

2. (C) Agathokles asked a few factual questions and promised to give the demarche high priority. He also noted that simultaneously with our meeting, the Iranian ambassador to Greece and a special Iranian presidential advisor were in the MFA, ostensibly to discuss Iranian assistance to Greece on fire recovery, though Agathokles speculated they were likely there to discuss the IAEA issue as well. Agathokles mentioned that Greek Ambassador to Teheran Karafotias was in Athens and had delayed his return to post to attend the meeting.  
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